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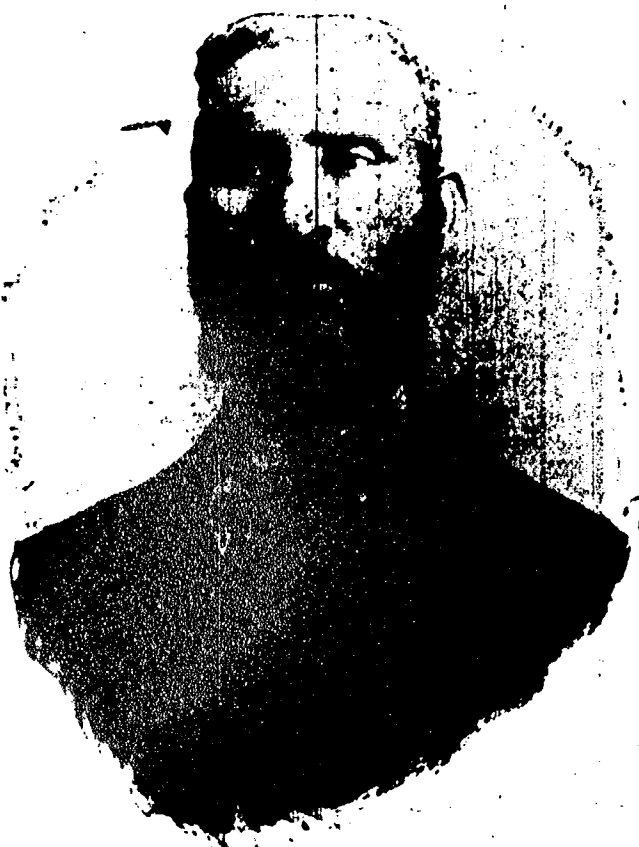
BISHOP WALTERS.

Bishop Alexander Walters, of South Carolina, as we have said before, is not only the leading bishop in the A. M. E. Zion church, but he is the leading man among our people. Wherever



BISHOP G. W. CLINTON.

Bishop G. W. Clinton is the youngest bishop on the bench. He is liked by the conference. He is a scholarly, dignified. He has been acting as manager of the Publishing House of the A. M. E. Zion church. He presided Walters made his lasting friend.



REV. J. W. SELECTMEN.

Rev. J. W. Selectmen is presiding elder of Madisonville, Ky., and treasurer of Atkinson college, located at Madisonville, Ky. He has served as presiding elder for eight years, and is one of the leading ministers in the

Kentucky conference. Rev. Selectmen is now in our city as one of the delegates to the General Conference. He is called the Children's Day man in the Kentucky conference, and travels the largest district in said conference.

## TO ELECT TWO BISHOPS.

Stormy Scenes in Conference Before Question Was Settled.—Future of Negro.

[Globe-Democrat, May 13.]

The ninth day of the A. M. E. Zion conference was one of the most exciting witnessed within the recollection of some of the oldest ministers. The question of whether the body should elect one or two bishops at this session led to a debate which lasted for four hours. The young and aggressive element of the clergy and laity, under leadership of Rev. E. D. W. Jones, of St. Louis, who advocated the election of two bishops, to be stationed in the west, and a general policy of expansion and extension, won a signal victory over the more conservative element, under the leadership of Prof. W. H. Goler, president of Livingstone college, who advocated the choice of one bishop, as represented by the bench of bishops.

Bishop J. B. Small, who presided, was compelled several times during the heat of the debate to reprimand the speakers for indulging in personalities. A ballot on the proposition immediately after the close of the debate resulted in a decision in favor of the election of two bishops by a vote of 179 to 118.

### BISHOP TURNER'S ADDRESS.

Bishop H. M. Turner, senior bishop, and Rev. J. M. Townsend, delegate of the A. M. E. general conference, in session in Chicago, as special commissioners from that body, came to advocate before the Zion conference the movement for a closer fraternal union and federation of like interests between the several separate bodies of Negro Methodists. The venerable senior bishop, who has become noted for his advocacy of emigration to Africa as the only solution of the race problem for the American Negro, was received with enthusiasm, and upon being introduced to the conference, he said, in part:

"It is to the everlasting shame of the American nation that 75,000,000 of white men are teeming with hate and prejudice of the 10,000,000 Negroes of the country. Men have sprung into national fame with nothing to recommend them to public favor except their hatred for the Negro race. If we were as inferior as they claim we are, we should sink into infamy by the weight of our own degradation, and if they were as superior as they claim they are they would rise above their prejudices and silly fears of Negro domination."

"I have no apology to make for my well-known position on the subject of Negro emigration to Africa. God sent us here to this great white race to learn civilization and then go back and show to the world that we are a people."

In reference to the subject of federation between the various branches of Negro Methodists, he said he was not authorized to advocate organic union, although he had prayed for it for forty years. He advocated the adoption of a common hymn book and catechism for the use of Methodists, and recommended that a committee be appointed to agree upon plans for consummating this union of Negro Methodism.

### FRATERNAL GREETINGS.

Rev. J. M. Townsend also addressed the conference on the subject of fraternal union, and Bishop J. W. Hood responded on behalf of the Zion conference. James B. Stewart, editor of the American Baptist, and Rev. C. S. Martin, the fraternal messenger of the C. M. E. church, also addressed the conference, to whom Rev. J. E. Mason, of Rochester, N. Y., responded.

A notable incident of the day's proceedings was the presentation to the conference of a life-size portrait of Rt. Rev. James Varick, the first bishop of the A. M. E. Zion church. The presentation was made by Rev. B. F. Wheeler, superintendent of the Hubman home for the aged and infirm, located in Auburn, N. Y.

Tuesday the conference convened and the regular routine business was begun. The session was stirring at times, but Bishop Walters, who presided, in his dignified and Christian bearing, was equal to the emergency.

"The seventh day of the A. M. E. Zion General Conference was the most active business session yet held. Upon assuming the gavel, Bishop Walters announced that the committee on episcopacy was in session, and before leaving that body he had placed himself upon record in favor of the election of two bishops at the conference. The announcement was greeted with applause."

"Rev. A. J. Warner created a storm that lasted several minutes, in an effort to suspend the rules and rush through a resolution fixing next Friday for the debate on the number of bishops to be elected, and next Monday for the election. The motion to suspend was defeated and the resolution referred to the committee on episcopacy, amid shouts of applause from the younger delegates, who seem to control the situation, and who favor the election of two bishops."—Globe-Democrat.

Several resolutions were introduced and referred to the proper committee. The regular order of the day was resumed with the reading of a voluminous report by Rev. G. W. Blackwell, general secretary of the conference, in which he reviewed the financial history of the church for the past twenty years, concluding with the announcement that the conference carried a total indebtedness of \$10,000. A dozen delegates sprang to their feet demanding an explanation, but order was partially restored and the secretary proceeded to read his report until he reached the item of the bishops' traveling expenses, which amounted to \$5,000; when expressions of disapproval, groans and hisses interrupted the speaker, and brought the bishops to their feet to defend the administration of affairs.

Each of the bishops in turn made a statement showing the large sum given in the secretary's report as indebtedness was the accumulation during the past twenty years of unpaid balances on amounts appropriated from time to time, owing to the insufficiency of the revenue collected. Rev. J. S. Caldwell, of Philadelphia, general steward of conference, read his quadrennial report of the financial operations of the church, showing receipts amounting to \$33,881.16 and disbursements amounting to \$123,804.53. These figures show an increase of \$29,000 over the receipts of the preceding four years.

At 8 p. m. Rev. A. J. Warner, better known as the "Swamp Angel," preached an able sermon. Rev. Warner still clings to that revival spirit of true religion, and he knows how to waken and arouse God's children.



REV. DR. J. W. SMITH, of Charlotte, N. C., a prominent candidate for the bishopric, Rev. Dr. Smith has for eight years been the editor of the Star of Zion, the official organ of the A. M. E. Zion church.

### Zion Bishops in Local Pulpits.

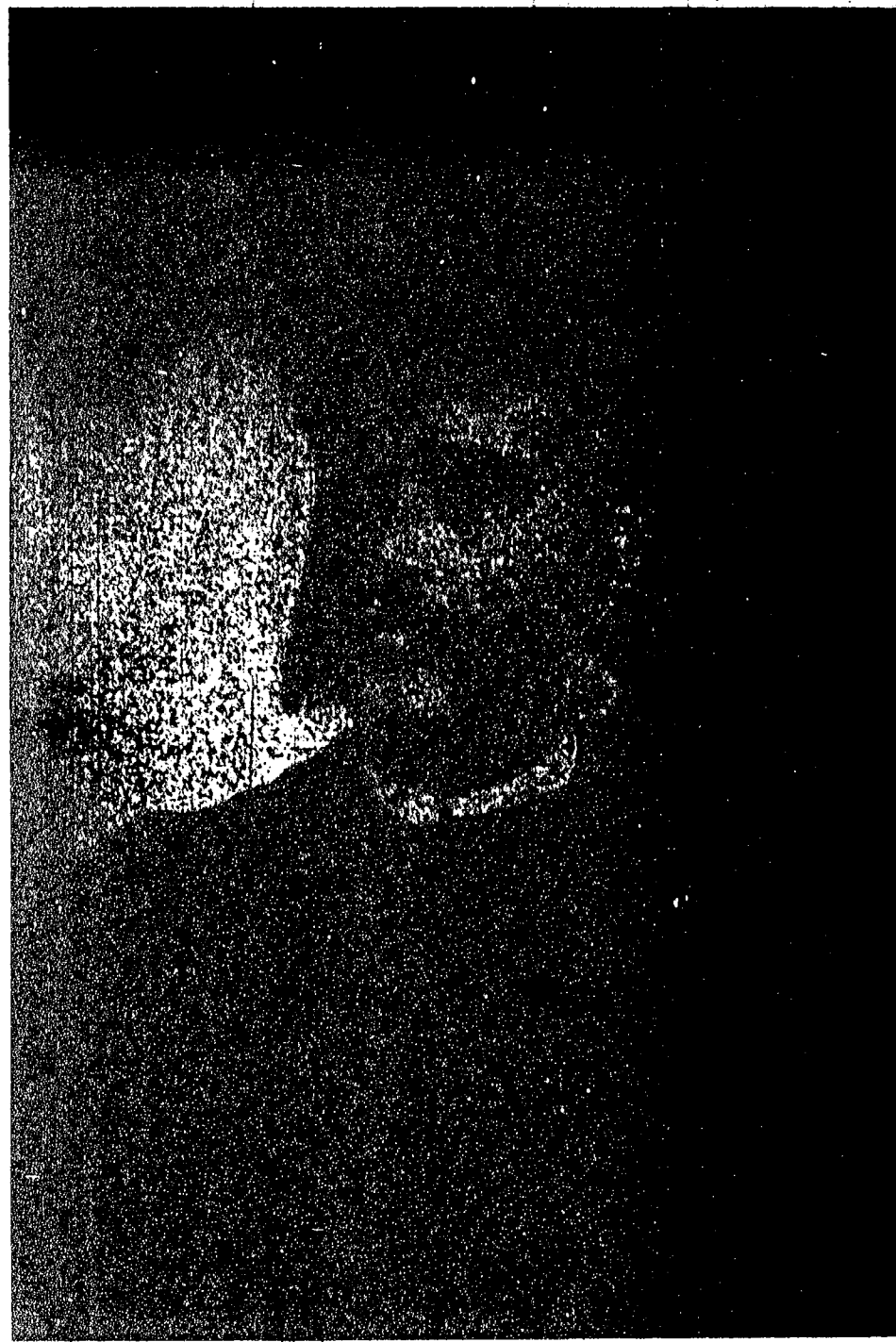
There was no session of the A. M. E. Zion conference Sunday last, but its delegates were very much in evidence in every part of the city and in neighboring towns. The 300 ministers and eight bishops were distributed in all directions, the doors of every Colored church being opened to them. Bishops J. W. Hood, C. R. Harris and J. W. Alstork preached to large congregations at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., at Metropolitan Zion church, 2625 Morgan street; Bishop G. W. Clinton preached to a crowded house at Central Baptist church, Bishop I. C. Clinton preached at Jones A. M. E. Zion chapel, and Rev. B. F. Wheeler and Rev. P. J. McIntosh spoke at St. Paul's A. M. E. church.

Bishops Alexander Walters and T. H. Lomax dedicated St. Mark's A. M. E. Zion church in East St. Louis, which has recently been rebuilt at a cost of \$5,000. The ceremonies attracted an attendance of over 500, in spite of the rain, and a large sum of money was raised for the benefit of the church. Bishop Walters performed the dedication ceremonies and Bishop Lomax preached the sermon. Rev. E. Hunter, of Pasadena, Cal., one of the prominent Zionists of the Pacific coast, arrived Sunday.

REV. DR. JOSIAH S. CALDWELL, of Philadelphia, Pa., a prominent candidate for the bishopric, Rev. Dr. Caldwell has for the past four years been financial steward of the A. M. E. Zion church. During his incumbency he has purchased a handsome building at Philadelphia for the headquarters of the financial department.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

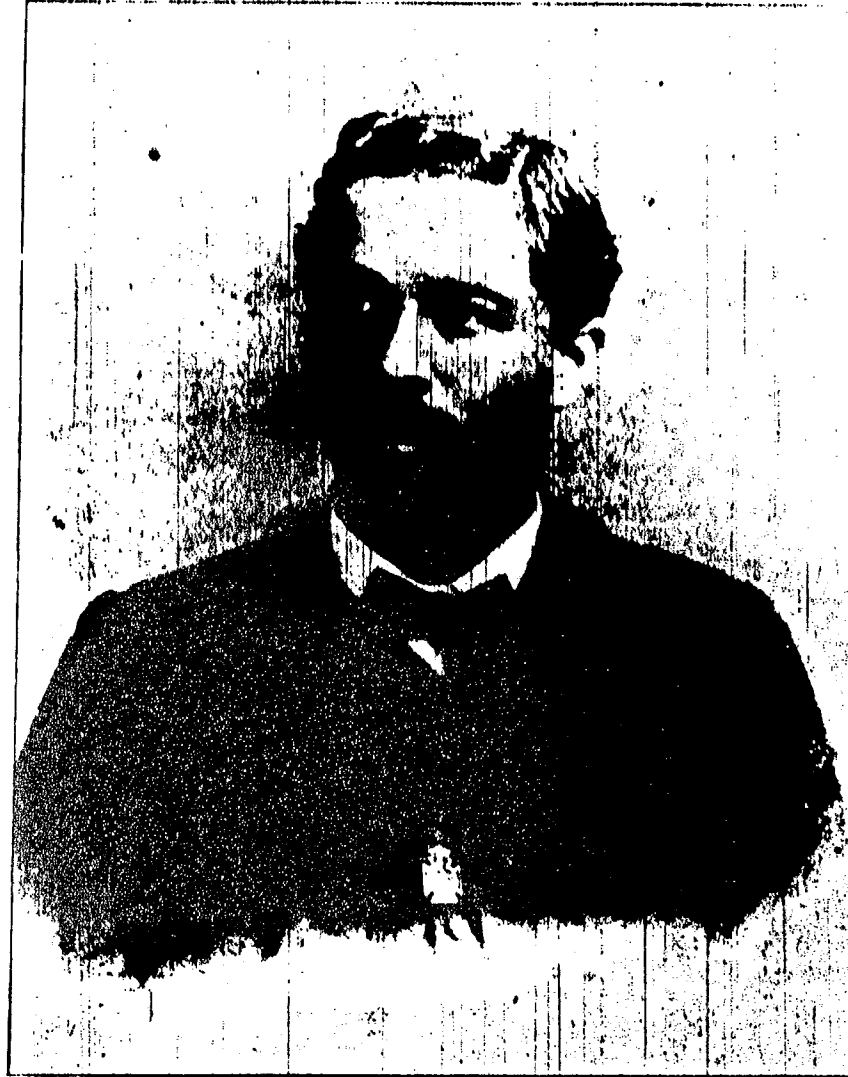
We hope every subscriber of The Palladium will settle up for their paper. We will see every person in the next two weeks. So get your money ready. J. W. WHEELER,



BISHOP J. W. ALSTORK.

Bishop J. W. Alstork, D. D., was older 11 years; was elected bishop at Talladega, Ala., September 1, 1852; was educated at the same place. He has served (as pastor) some of the largest churches in the A. M. E. Zion church; was eight years general treasurer of the connection; was presiding

Washington, D. C., May 14, 1900, and appointed to the Ninth Episcopal district, comprising northern Alabama, Louisiana, northern Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Hawaiian Islands and Porto Rico.



DR. J. F. MORELAND, Pastor of Walter's Church, Chicago, Ill.

Dr. J. F. Moreland is considered a financier and church-builder. Our acquaintance dates back to 1884, when he preached the funeral sermon of The Palladium man's mother, in Lexington, Ky. We have kept pace with him since that time, and have always found him a Christian gentleman. He was sent to this church by Bishop Walters, and told to go and save a church then in hands of trustees. He came, and the members of the church accepted him. At the time he arrived the church had almost passed into the hands of creditors, but ere long his earnest labor bore its fruit, and the

deed and all papers connected with it were placed back into the hands of the trustees. His administration in St. Louis was more than a success. But our ideal bishop saw another field open, and said to the board of bishops: "I want Dr. J. Moreland to go to Chicago to build a church for God and Zion." They consented, and although it was hard for this church to give him up, they submitted. He departed, and in less than three years he built a church in Chicago at a cost of nearly \$35,000. Now is the time for the conference to recognize his labor, and elect him to the office of business manager of the A. M. E. church.

### CANDIDATE FOR BISHOP.

Before The Palladium is issued, May 21, two bishops will be elected. The candidates are as follows: Rev. W. H. Chambers, Rev. A. J. Warner, Rev. E. H. Curry, Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. J. S. Caldwell.

The Palladium man knows who will be the two, and without any feeling we say J. W. Caldwell and J. S. Smith will be elected.

### NO NEWS.

News of the A. M. E. Conference, at Chicago, has been hard to get, therefore we fall to get an intelligent report; hence nothing this week.

### Dancy Speaks.

Hon. John C. Dancy spoke last Sunday at Douglass hall. He made a good impression. There were a number of the kids out, whose only purpose was to be seen and make a noise. At the conclusion of the speech, the audience walked out, leaving W. M. Farmer and J. H. Bradley alone.

The Douglass hotel is now open for the accommodation of the public. It is conducted on the European plan. At present the rates are 75 cents per day and from \$3 to \$5 per week.

Stop that cough. Pickett's Cough Syrup.